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Farm Bill Workshops Scheduled for Renewable Energy Development

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The Idaho Energy Division is planning a series of workshops across Southern Idaho later this month to help farmers and rural business owners take advantage of federal grants available to help them build their own energy source.

The grants are included in the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Farm Bill and can be used to build a small wind turbine, tap geothermal water, or install a ground source heat pump in a home or business.

The Farm Bill grants can go a long way to help with initial costs but the deadline is fast approaching. Applications must be submitted to USDA Rural Development by March 1, 2006. The workshops will include information on how to file successful applications and assistance in doing it. The workshops are free and open to the public. Register at the door. For more information, call the Energy Division Hotline 1-800-334-SAVE.

Workshop Schedule:

- **Boise** – January 18, 2006, 1:30 pm – 4:30 pm, Best Western Vista Inn at the Airport, Bitterroot Room, 2645 Airport Way
- **Twin Falls** – January 19, 2006, 9 am – Noon, AmeriTel Inn, Blue Lakes Room, 1377 Blue Lakes Blvd. N
- **Pocatello** – January 19, 2006, 6 pm – 9 pm, Red Lion, Teton Room, 1550 Pocatello Creek Road
- **Idaho Falls** – January 20, 2006, 9:00 am – Noon, Red Lion on the Falls, Bannock Room, 475 River Parkway
- **Cascade** – January 25, 2006, 6:00 pm – 9:00 pm, Ashley Inn, Tamarack Room, 500 N. Main St.

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